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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 18, 2000

APPLICATION OF

NEW EDGE NETWORK OF VIRGINIA, INC.
D/B/A NEW EDGE NETWORKS

CASE NO. PUC990164

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

FINAL ORDER

On September 30, 1999, New Edge Network of Virginia, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks ("New Edge" or "Applicant"), filed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By Order dated November 10, 1999, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public

hearing to receive evidence relevant to New Edge's application. On January 6, 2000, the Staff filed its report finding that New Edge's application was in compliance with 20 VAC 5-400-180, the Rules for Local Exchange Telephone Competition ("Local Rules"), and 20 VAC 5-400-60, the Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers ("IXC Rules"). Based upon its review of New Edge's application and unaudited financial statements, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant both local and interexchange certificates to the Company subject to three conditions: (1) at such time as voice services are initiated by the Company, New Edge shall provide/comply with all requirements of § C (Conditions for certification) of the Local Rules; (2) any customer deposits collected by the Company be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines is no longer necessary; and (3) the Company shall provide audited financial statements of the parent, New Edge Network, Inc., to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of the Company's initial tariff.

A hearing was conducted on January 12, 2000. New Edge submitted its proof of publication and proof of notice as required by the November 10, 1999, Scheduling Order. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff Report were entered into the record without objection.

Having considered the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that New Edge's application should be granted. Having considered § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission also finds that New Edge may price its interexchange services competitively. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) New Edge Network of Virginia, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-84A, to provide interexchange services subject to the restrictions set forth in the IXC Rules, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) New Edge Network of Virginia, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-475, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Local Rules, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(3) New Edge shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(4) At such time as voice services are initiated by the Company, New Edge shall comply with all requirements of § C of the Local Rules.

(5) Any customer deposits collected by the Company shall be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines is no longer necessary.

(6) New Edge shall provide to the Division of Economics and Finance audited financial statements of its parent, New Edge Network, Inc. no later than one (1) year from the effective date of its initial tariff.

(7) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, New Edge may price its interexchange services competitively.

(8) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers herein placed in the file for ended causes.